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1. SUMMARY. WASHINGTON COMMENTS RELATED TO MFT JAN 13.
GOR REACTION MAY BE FORTHCOMING BY END OF JANUARY. END
SUMMARY.

2. WE CONVEYED WASHINGTON'S SPECIFIC COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS
ON LONG-TERM COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO MFT OFFICIALS (ACHIM
AND CIUBOTARU) JANUARY 13. (AMBASSADOR HAD TOUCHED ON THEM
VERY BRIEFLY IN MEETING PREVIOUS WEEK WITH PATAN). TO
FACILITATE DISCUSSION AND GOR CONSIDERATION WE PREPARED AND
PRESENTED MODIFIED DRAFT INCORPORATING ALL CHANGES PROPOSED
BY WASHINGTON IN REFTEL (COPIES POUCHED). IN OUR ACCOMPANYING
ORAL PRESENTATION WE CAREFULLY NOTED THAT THIS TEXT REPRESENTED
EMBASSY SYNTHESIS OF WASHINGTON COMMENTS AND COULD THEREFORE
ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS INFORMAL WORKING DOCUMENT. WITH AID
OF REVISED DRAFT WE REVIEWED ARTICLE BY ARTICLE SUBSTANCE
AND, WHERE CRITICAL, WORDING OF REVISIONS.

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2. DISCUSSION CENTERED FORESEEABLY ON MAJOR AREAS OF

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN USG AND GOR CONCEPTIONS.

A. MFN/GSP/CONCESSIONAL CREDITS. WE POINTED OUT THAT GOR REFERENCES TO MFN, GSP, AND CONCESSIONAL CREDITS COULD NOT RPT NOT BE INCLUDED BECAUSE OF LEGAL PROHIBITIONS AND LEGISLATIVE CLIMATE. IN ADDITION, WE POINTED TO STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU BEFORE UTC CONGRESS ON NOVEMBER 3 THAT BY FULFILLING NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN ROMANIA "WILL TAKE A LARGE STEP FORWARD, TRANSCENDING THE STAGE OF A DEVELOPING COUNTRY". WE ALSO OBSERVED THAT, EVEN IF LEGAL SITUATION RELATING TO CONCESSIONAL CREDITS WERE FAVORABLE, USG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WERE LIMITED TO SELECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PRINCIPALLY MSA'S, IN WHICH CATEGORY ROMANIA DID NOT FALL. CIUBOTARU COUNTERED WITH INITMATION THAT LUR MIGHT SEEK TO REDRAFT GSP AND CONCESSIONAL CREDIT PROVISIONS TO LIMIT THEIR TERM. WE REEMPHASIZED THAT THIS MODIFICATION WOULD NOT RESOLVE OUR BASIC PROBLEMS.

B. ANNEX 1. WE ARGUED THAT RETENTION OF THIS ANNEX WOULD BE IN MUTUAL INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES SINCE IT WOULD COMPLEMENT RATHER THAN DUPLICATE PROVISIONS OF TRADE AGREEMENT. CIUBOTARU ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS PREVIOUS CONTENTIONS THAT ANNEX WAS UNNECESSARY WAS BASED IN PART ON ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION THAT OUR BILATERAL INVESTMENT GUARANTY AGREEMENT CONTAINED BROADER PROVISIONS OF GOR'S INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

C. ENTRY INTO FORCE. CIUBOTARU WAS UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER GOR APPROVAL PROCEDURE WOULD PERMIT ENTRY INTO FORCE UPON SIGNATURE. HE PROMISED TO CHECK WITH HIS LEGAL COUNSEL AND INFORM US.

3. BARRING PROBLEMS OF LEGAL NATURE, CIUBOTARU ESTIMATED HE WOULD HAVE REACTION FOR US BY END OF MONTH. HE INDICATED NO GOR PREFERENCES FOR TIMING, VENUE, OR CHARACTER OF FUTURE EXCHANGES.

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